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The Office Action issued December 10, 2009 has been received and its contents have been carefully considered.

The provisional allowance of claims 1, 12 And 13, subject to their being rewritten in independent form, is noted with appreciation.

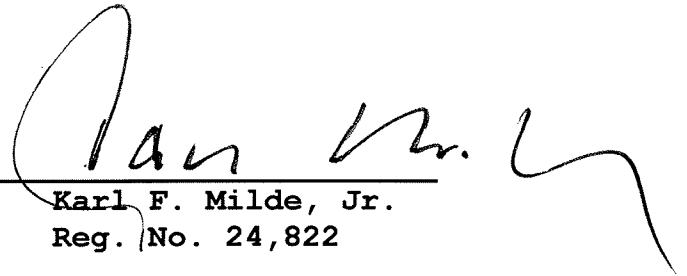
Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2, and claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1.

Claim 17 has been amended to correct an obvious informality.

The independent claims in this application are now claims 1 and 12. These claims having been indicated as being allowable, this application is now believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

A formal Notice of Allowance is accordingly  
respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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